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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, SO, ET, UR
SUBJECT: GSDR CONTINUES TO SOUND FIRE BELL IN THE NIGHT

REF: MOSCOW 17434 (NOTAL)

1. MINISTER OF INFORMATION ABDI KASSIM SALAD INVITED THE AMBASSADOR TO CALL ON DEC 5 FOR TOUR D'HORIZON OF HORN DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE SOMALI PRESPECTIVE. ABDI REVIEWED THE SOMALI PERCEPTIONS OF THE ALLEGED SOVIET CONCERTED ACTION TO FORCE SOMALIA AND THE OTHER HORN STATES INTO A LOOSE CONFEDERATION TO BE GUIDED BY MOSCOW. THE SOMALI MINISTER SAID POLITICS HAD CHANGED SINCE HIS COUNTRY HAD
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TAKEN AN ANTI-SOVIET STAND, HE OBSERVED THE USE RESPONSE TO THE SOMALI ACTION WAS DISAPPOINTING, AND ADDED HIS HOPE THAT HIS MINISTERIAL COLLEAGUE NOW IN WASHINGTON WOULD BRING BACK A MORE POSITIVE RESPONSE.

2. THE AMBASSADOR, REFERRING TO HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT SIAD, ONCE MORE OUTLINED US POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, AND PRESSED FOR

SOME RECOGNITION THAT THE GOVT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) MIGHT BE PREPARED TO SETTLE FOR SOMEWHAT LESS THAN ITS OPTIMUM OBJECTIVES IN THE OGADEN, AND AT MINIMUM STRIKE A CONCILIATORY POSTURE IN RESPONSE TO OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS. ABDI RESPONDED THAT THE GSDR FAVORS PEACE, BUT DOES NOT BELIEVE THE ETHIOPIANS HAVE ANY DESIRE FOR A SETTLEMENT SO LONG AS THEY ENJOY AN UNINTERRUPTED FLOW OF SOVIET WEAPONRY. HE REPEATEDLY MADE THE POINT THAT ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA COULD SETTLE THEIR DIFFICULTIES IF AFRICANS ONLY WERE INVOLVED, BUT HE ASSERTED ONLY THE INFLUENCE OF THE UNITED STATES COULD BALANCE THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION. ABDI WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE RECEPTION NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS GARBA RECEIVED IN MOSCOW, AND CITED GROMYKO'S ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GARBA'S AGREEMENT TO CONDEMN SOMALIA AS PROOF OF THE GSDR THESIS - THAT IT IS ABOUT TO BECOME A VICTIM OF SOVIET REVENGE. HOW CAN ONE TAKE THE OAU EFFORTS SERIOUSLY UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, ABDI ASKED. HE ALSO QUESTIONED RHETORICALLY WHETHER THERE MAY BE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR FOR SPHERES OF INFLUENCE IN AFRICA, THE US IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND AS A COMPENSATION, US RECOGNITION OF SOVIET DOMINATION ON THE HORN.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE GSDR FEARS A SOVIET DESIGN FOR THE DEFEAT OF THE SOMALI EFFORT IN THE OGADEN. ABDI WAS CLEARLY SPEAKING FOR THE GSDR, AND NOT ON HIS OWN. HE WAS WELL PREPARED FOR THE MEETING, AND HIS PRESENTATION WAS COGENT AND LUCID. HE CLOSED BY SAYING HE HOPED HIS MESSAGE WOULD BE REPEATED TO WASHINGTON. LOUGHRAN
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